





# LIBERTY STANDARD.

**Edward Robinson's Vote.**

The Ken. Jour. unequivocally denies that Mr. Robinson voted to lay an anti-slavery petition on the table for 100 years. We understand that the whigs have searched the records of the senate, and finding no record such a motion, deny that Mr. R. ever voted as we stated. We suppose the motion was made as usual is usually entered on the records. Last year the Age published the following:

"**BOLITIONISTS LOOK AT THIS!**

When a member of the Senate of this State, Edward Robinson seconded a motion to lay up the table for one HUNDRED YEARS for the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia!"

This was the origin of the statement, which went round the papers at the time and has been quoted uncontradicted for eleven weeks. Why did not Mr. R. or some other whig deny it? Because it was true. Besides, we happen to like Mr. Robinson's acknowledgment of its truth on the statement of a gentleman—a whig who was a member of the legislature at the time, and who states what Mr. Robinson said respecting it on the very day the vote was given.

We should like to see Mr. R. called upon to deny our statement. Will the Age please publish the facts on which its charge was based? The facts referred to took place during the session of 1838.

Every politician wishes to vote for his own party, of course; but for him it is a very bad thing. Well, he may stick to his party, and still do his duty to the slave.

So says a correspondent of the Morning Star.

He should like to ask him how he can stick to his party and still be faithful to the cause, if that party is pro-slavery, and requires him to vote for a slaveholding or pro-slavery candidate? And if the individual candidate for whom he votes is anti-slavery, will he not do his duty to the slave, for his voice becomes what the party is with which he votes, as a general fact?

**Somerset and Waldo.**

The nomination for Representative to Congress from that District, is every way worthy of support. Dr. McCrillis is a plain man, of even character, of extensive information, and has ever been a firm friend of the anti-slavery cause. No effort should be wanting to elect him to Congress.

**It is highly encouraging to learn from different quarters, that the friends of liberty are active. The work to be done is chiefly an individual work, a work between man and man; and when it is taken up in that form, success will surely come. Let a few working men in each town see that liberty associations are organized, the towns divided into districts, and men found who will devote one, two, or more days in visiting their neighbors. Do not delay this work.**

**FIRST OF AUGUST IN BANGOR.—The celebration in city of this grand epoch in the annals of human liberty, was no doubt worthy of the occasion. Rev. Mr. Hedge, the Unitarian clergyman of Bangor, was to deliver the oration in the forenoon, and addresses were to be made in the afternoon by several gentlemen. Letters from Hon. J. Q. Adams, Hon. Wm. Jay, and other distinguished individuals were to be read.**

We can think of nothing more gratifying to us than would have been to comply with the kind invitation to attend, but other duties required of us the sacrifice of that pleasure, and also that of greeting the numerous friends at that city and part of the state. This we very much regret.

**SEVENTY-SIX.** The circulation of this paper is continually increasing, and the favor with which it is received, and the activity to get it circulation, are truly encouraging. Its circulation is now about 1600. The next No. will be sold in about two weeks, and we should be glad to strike off 2000. Activity in other words will cost but 16 per 1000. Reader, shall your neighbors be supplied?

**Washington County Convention.** An interesting account will be found in another place of the Convention in Washington County, which we at one time hoped would, but it was impossible. Its selection candidates was excellent. The nomination of Judge Pond, is an honor to the Liberty Party, and well would it be for the people were they so entirely satisfied with demagogues as to elect such a man to Congress. We would ask every democrat in that district to place this name by the side of Shepard, their self-made, packed candidate, to whose hands they will commit the interests of their country.

The nomination of Esq. Talbot for the seat, is highly judicious, and with personal ac-  
tions such as we doubt not will be put forth. The nomination of the state will throw strong voice.

If any more conventions are to be held before election, no time is to be lost, Lincoln and Oxford district is to hold a convention at Lewiston, it is time to wake the people with respect to it.

Where are the York co. nominations? It is to be at the grand convention in Stamford, if possible. If we go to Stamford, that may be taken on the way.

We shall endeavor to be at the Oxford convention, and Mr. May has given en-  
gagement that he will comply with the request to attend. Let old Oxford rally again. Wake up there, friends.

## Important Law Case.

In April last, an industrious and worthy farmer, took into his wagon nine colored persons, among whom were a husband and wife, with their three children. About 16 miles from Cincinnati, without any legal authority, or certain knowledge that they were slaves, they were stopped, carried to Kentucky and lodged in jail, except two who made escape. The assumed owner soon took the slaves away and rewarded the villainy of the land pirates with \$450. The owner then commenced a suit against Van Zandt, the warden, for \$1200 damages, which was recovered before the U. S. Circuit Court, Judge McLane presiding. In another action on the same, for penalty (\$500) provided by the law of the U. S., was also recovered.

This case excited much interest, and the decision, which was based on the same principles as that of Prigg vs. Penn, must lead to important results. It clearly violates one of the fundamental principles of law, viz: that all presumptions must be construed in favor of liberty. It overrides the ordinance of '83 prohibiting slavery forever in the North West Territory, which is its fundamental law; it sets at defiance the constitution and laws of Ohio for the protection of the liberty of its inhabitants, and severely punishes one of its own citizens for an act not criminal by its laws, but which was in accordance with natural justice, and which was sanctioned by Divine Law as humane and just. Will that

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They repelled the epithets of "pick pocket," and "petty larceny scoundrel," with indignation, and sent a remonstrance to Mr. Clay, the author of the six Slave bills to the Union.

The meeting called his attention to the fact that the institution has virtually ceased in twelve of the States in the same period of time.

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But, if there is not moral courage enough in this country to secede from slavery, which opposes the church infinitely more than the British government did the church of Scotland, how few among all the admirers of that movement would do as those faithful Scotch ministers did.

Dea. Dinsmore of Norridgewock, has obtained two hundred subscribers to the "Seventy-Six." Let us have one such in each county, and any other would scarcely be needed.

Whigs and democrats have comforted themselves with the story that James G. Birney had declined the nomination for the Presidency. This is a mistake. He has simply expressed a wish to have the subject brought before the national convention. He will no doubt be re-nominated.

Two slaves, Henry and his wife, Americans, were being at Cincinnati, when, on the 1st ult., for the purpose of their master, Hiram Beebe, the Columbia Statesman says that Henry made a long speech, containing a full confession of his guilt. He had run away, and with the assistance of his wife, killed his master to get rid of a whipping.

**Dr. LAFON.** We have the pleasure of saying that this gentleman, recently a faithful missionary to the Sandwich Islands, is now in this State as an agent for the Union Missionary Society—a society composed of persons of different evangelical denominations, who prefer to contribute to their missionary funds without any connection with slavery. Dr. Lafon dissolved his connection with the American Board, together with several other most efficient members of that mission, in part on account of the relation of that board to slavery. With much difficulty he was stopped, carried to Kentucky and lodged in jail, except two who made escape. The assumed owner soon took the slaves away and rewarded the villainy of the land pirates with \$450. The owner then commenced a suit against Van Zandt, the warden, for \$1200 damages, which was recovered before the U. S. Circuit Court, Judge McLane presiding. In another action on the same, for penalty (\$500) provided by the law of the U. S., was also recovered.

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**Heathen Temple in America.**

The Emancipator gives an account of a

Calvinist Baptist Church in Abington, Mass., in selling the pews of their new meet-

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purchaser, that they will exclude from their

pews "all colored persons and all persons

clad with them (i. e. all abolitionists) for

ever."

**Mission to Brazil.**—The Norfolk En-

signment, in its official information has re-

ported that the Hon. George H. Profitt, of

Indiana, will take passage in the U. S. ship

Levant, Commander Page, which vessel is ex-

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## Poetry.

**The Fire.**  
A stamp by Henry Russell, at the Concert for the benefit of the sufferers of the Fire of Fall River, given at New Bedford July 10.

By G. T. CONGDON.

In the temple of God met the worshippers there, And it was there it was chanted; and offered the prayer, And in safety and gently the breath of devotion. —  
The Sabbath—“We have with him that the good citizens, who have lost their all, are not to be blamed, but we hope it will never be true of the capitalists of Fall River again that ‘almost every Sabbath in the year is devoted more or less to repairs, to save time.’ It is never economy to violate God’s known and explicit commands.” [This is the painful experience of thousands.] [Reflector.]

On, on, like the wind, rushed the flame in its might, And snatched it away from each consternation white. It mocked at their efforts—it hid them at their woe!

“We have with him that the good citizens, Their dwellings it smote like a desecrate in wrath—With the ashes of homes plowed its desolate path!”

And the wail of the homeless—the clang of the bell! Yet still on with both hand and a terrible glee, I rushed like the ocean, exulting freely!

“Fire! Fire!” shout the rumors, as gaspingly on They press to where, gleaming and lurid, it shone—When wheels, like a serpent, now twined, now darts—

“Fire! Fire!” on their pale lips—despair in their hearts!

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Then in its pride was the village laid low, And the rich yester morn, were the pennies now?

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## The Family.

## Authority of the Bible.

The Rev. Adolphus Monod, in a treatise which we recently noticed, gives the following as an illustration of the benefits arising from reading the Bible:

“The mother of a family was married to an infidel, who made a jest of religion in the presence of his own children; yet she succeeded in her efforts, and won the heart of the Lord. I one day asked her how she had preserved them from the influence of a father, whose sentiments were so openly opposed to her own. This was her answer:

‘Because, to the authority of a father, I did not oppose the authority of God. From their earliest years my children have always seen the Bible upon my table, and I myself have always been a witness of their religious instruction. I was silent, that I might allow it to speak. Did they propose a question? did they commit any fault? did they perform any good action? I opened the Bible, and the Bible answered, reproved or encouraged them. The constant reading of the scriptures has alone wrought the prodigy which surprises you.’”

The widow’s Charge at her Daughters’ Bridal.

By MRS. SIGOURNEY.

Deal gently—thou whose hand has won The young bird from its nest away, Where careless ventur a vernal sun Shy gaily caroled, day by day.

The bairn is lone—the heart must grieve From which her timid wings doth soar, The pensive list at hush of eve— Yet hear your bairns sing no more.

Deal gently with her. Thou art dear Beyond what vestal lips have told; And like a lamb, from fountains clear She turns, confiding to thy fold.

She, round the sweet domestic bower, The wreaths of changeless love shall twine; Watch for thy steps at vesper’s hour, And blend her boisterous play with thine.

Deal gently then when far away Mid stranger sees her feet shall rove, Nor let thy tender cares decay: The soul of woman lives in love.

And shoudst thou, wandering, mark a tear, Unconscious from thy eyelids break, Be pitiful, am sooth the fear That man’s strong heart can never take.

A mother yields her gem to thee, On thy true breast to sparkle rare; She places ‘neath thy diademy the seal of her fond care.

And, by thy trust to stand forever, When judgment wakes in terrors wide, By all thy treasured hopes of heaven, Deal gently with the widow’s child.

The Grasshopper and the Ant.

A grasshopper gay Sang the summer away, And found herself poor.

By the winter’s first roar Of meat or of bread, Not a morsel could she find,

So a bairn she went, To her neighbor the ant, For the loan of some wheat,

Which she well deserved her to eat Till the season of the round.

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A grasshopper gay Sang the summer away, And found herself poor.

By the winter’s first roar Of meat or of bread, Not a morsel could she find,

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